

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 3850, Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1611–S1851

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2130–2141, and S. Con. Res. 93–94. **Page S1683**

Measures Reported:

S. 2136, to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission. **Page S1682**

Measures Passed:

Permitting the Use of the Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 93, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Page S1848**

Establishing a Joint Congressional Committee: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 94, establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Page S1848**

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act: Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1612–71**

Adopted:

Daschle Amendment No. 2621, to clarify the definition of qualified civil liability action. **Pages S1616–20**

Kohl Amendment No. 2622 (to Amendment No. 2620), to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United

States Code, to require the provision of a child safety lock in connection with the transfer of a handgun. **Pages S1620–21**

By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 17), Boxer Amendment No. 2620, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the provision of a child safety device in connection with the transfer of a handgun and to provide safety standards for child safety devices. **Pages S1612–16, S1620–23**

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 19), Craig (for Frist/Craig) Amendment No. 2628, to exempt any lawsuit involving a shooting victim of John Allen Muhammad or John Lee Malvo from the definition of qualified civil liability action that meets certain requirements. **Pages S1659–62**

By 60 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 21), Craig (for Frist/Craig) Amendment No. 2630, to protect the rights of law enforcement officers who are victimized by crime to secure compensation from those who participate in the arming of criminals. **Pages S1666–70**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 20), Mikulski Amendment No. 2627, to exempt lawsuits involving a shooting victim of John Allen Muhammad or Lee Boyd Malvo from the definition of qualified civil liability action. **Pages S1655–59, S1662–63**

By 38 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 22), Corzine Amendment No. 2629, to protect the rights of law enforcement officers who are victimized by crime to secure compensation from those who participate in the arming of criminals. **Pages S1663–66, S1670**

Withdrawn:

Frist/McConnell Amendment No. 2626, to make the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 permanent. **Pages S1649–55**

Pending:

Hatch (for Campbell) Amendment No. 2623, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt

qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. **Pages S1623–34**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2619, to expand the definition of armor piercing ammunition and to require the Attorney General to promulgate standards for the uniform testing of projectiles against body armor. **Pages S1634–39**

Craig (for Frist/Craig) Amendment No. 2625, to regulate the sale and possession of armor piercing ammunition. **Pages S1639–41**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 18), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Cantwell Amendment No. 2617, to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S1641–49, S1655**

A unanimous-consent agreement reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2004. **Page S1848**

Safe Transportation Equity Act—Correction Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, in the engrossment of S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to strike pages 43 through 83, and pages 105 and 106, of Amendment No. 2616; further, that the bill be printed as passed. **Pages S1702–1848**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expanding the scope of the national emergency and invocation of emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels into Cuban territorial waters; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–64)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured or missing United States personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–65)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inclusion of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania,

Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia in NATO; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–66)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Michael Christian Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro.

Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit System Protection Board, (Beth Susan Slavet), which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2004.

John Joseph Grossenbacher, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2004, (vice Richard A. Meserve), which was sent to the Senate on July 25, 2003.

John Joseph Grossenbacher, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2009. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on July 25, 2003.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total–22) **Page S1623, S1655, S1662, S1663, S1670**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S 1848.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on emergency preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, after receiving testimony from Arden L. Bement, Jr., Acting Director, National Science Foundation; Warren M. Washington, Chair, National Science Board; and John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Nominations:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kiron Kanina Skinner, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board, and 2,235 nominations in the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Nominations:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senators Bond, Hutchison, and Cornyn, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, who was introduced by Senator Cochran and Representative Wicker, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on fund operations and governance, focusing on corporate governance reforms, a proposed mutual fund oversight board, the practices of late trading and market timing, and prospectus disclosures, after receiving testimony from David S. Ruder, Northwestern University School of Law, former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Mellody Hobson, Ariel Capital Management, both of Chicago, Illinois; David S. Pottruck, Charles Schwab Corporation, San Francisco, California; and John C. Bogle, Vanguard Group, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for international affairs of the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan Johnson Grant, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: INTERNATIONAL FREE PRESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine American public diplomacy and the development of an independent media in emerging democracies, and a related measure S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy funding for the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), after receiving testimony from Margaret DeB. Tutwiler, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Gene P. Mater, Freedom Forum, Arlington, Virginia; Adam Clayton Powell III, University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy, Los Angeles, California; and Kurt A. Wimmer, Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.

U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine next steps in U.S. relations regarding Libya, focusing on Administration efforts to halt state-sponsored support for international terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, after receiving testimony from William J.

Burns, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Paula A. DeSutter, Assistant Secretary of State for Verification and Compliance.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quality and accountability of higher education accreditation standards, after receiving testimony from Steven D. Crow, Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Chicago, Illinois; Jeffrey D. Wallin, American Academy for Liberal Education, and Jerry L. Martin, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, both of Wash-

ington, D.C.; and Robert L. Potts, University of North Alabama, Florence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee met to discuss certain committee business, made no announcements, and recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3845–3865; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 371–375, and H. Res. 538, 540–545 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H700–01

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Unborn Victims of Violence Act: The House passed H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 31.

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Rejected:

Lofgren amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to make it a federal crime to assault a pregnant woman and establish penalties for causing a prenatal injury or termination of the pregnancy, in addition to the penalties imposed for the assault to the mother (rejected by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 229 nays. Roll No. 30).

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H. Res. 529, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, February 25.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 1, 2004; and further that when it adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 3.

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Committee Chairman Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Tauzin wherein he resigned as Chairman of the Committee on Energy & Commerce.

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Committee Chairman Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 539, electing Representative Barton as the Chairman of the Committee on Energy & Commerce.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Barton wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

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Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3850, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

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The bill was considered by unanimous consent after being discharged from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure by unanimous consent.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 1.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he certified that the governments of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia are cooperating fully with United

States efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured or missing U.S. personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–164). **Page H670**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation and expansion of the national emergency with respect to Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–165). **Page H670**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H635.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 92 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H692**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H667, H668**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Wade Daniel Runnels, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, Natural Resources Conservation; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Worker Protection Agencies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Arnold Levine, Deputy Under Secretary, International Labor Affairs; Ann Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; Victoria Lipnic, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; David Lauriski, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and John Henshaw, Assistant Secretary, OSHA.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: James G. Roche, Secretary; and Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Construction Budget Request for the Programs of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the Reserve Components of the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations, Environment, and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Dean Fox, USAF, The Air Force Civil Engineer; Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker, USAF, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. William A. Rajczak, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Air Force Reserve.

DOD TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

held a hearing on the Department of Defense Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN (ret.), Director, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary; Maj. Gen. John M. Curran, USA, Director, Futures Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Rear Adm. Kevin J. Cosgriff, USN, Director, Warfare Integration (OPNAV N7F); Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs (AF/XP); Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet continued hearings on H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3733, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Huston Street in Altamont, Kansas, as the "Myron C. George Post Office;" H.R. 3797, 2004 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; H.J. Res. 87, Honoring the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognizing his contributions on the anniversary of the date of his birth; H. Con. Res. 328, Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month; H. Res. 433, Honoring the life and legacy of Luis A. Ferre; and H. Res. 475, Congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup.

The Committee also approved Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT TELECOM PLAN

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Will 'Network' Work? A Review of Whether a Centralized Government Telecom Plan Jibes with an Ever-Evolving Market." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Stephen Perry, Administrator; and Sandra Bates, Commissioner, Federal Technology Service; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Drew Ladner, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; Melvin J. Bryson, Director, Information Technology, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN—EFFORTS TO STEM FLOW OF HEROIN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Afghanistan: Law Enforcement Interdiction Efforts in Transshipment Countries to Stem the Flow of Heroin." Testimony was heard from Robert Charles, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Foreign Assistance After September 11th: Major Changes, Competing Purposes and Different Standards—Is There an Overall Strategy? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1856, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Amendments Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ehlers; Richard W. Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held an oversight hearing to examine the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management and Ongoing Efforts to Reduce Maintenance Backlogs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service; and

Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

“UNION SALTING OF SMALL BUSINESS WORKSITES”

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs held a hearing entitled “Union Salting of Small Business Worksites.” Testimony was heard from Representative DeMint; and public witnesses.

AGENCY BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and LTG. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers; the following officials of the EPA: Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water; Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., Chairman TVA; Arturo Q. Duran, Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission; Albert S. Jacquez, Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Thomas A. Weber, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Richard Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

SOCIAL SECURITY DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2005

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Social Security Service Delivery Plan for 2005. Testimony was heard from Joanne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

IC LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on IC Language Capabilities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, March 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1805, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Also, certain Members will be recognized during a period of morning business.

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